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Sir:

This communication is responsive to an Office Communication mailed on September 23, 2003. The Communication requested an election of claims pursuant to a restriction requirement. A one-month response date was set of October 23, 2003. A request for a two-month extension of time in which to respond until December 23, 2003, accompanies this response.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.